

Middlesex Recreation Commission
1200 Mountain Avenue, Middlesex, NJ 08846
Commission Meeting Minutes for May 9, 2016

Chair Sherley Penrose opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Commission members present:

Cassius Kennick
Bob May
Sherley Penrose
Rich Rutkowski
Lileen Schwarz
Rich Tarbous

Members Absent:

Kevin Dotey

Also present:

John Madden, Council Liaison
Dina Fornataro-Healey, Recreation Director
Mike Girvan, Assist. Recreation Director

Bob May made a motion to accept April 2016 minutes with a second by Rich Rutkowski and approved by all members present.

Public Session:

1. Patrick Cullinan – 337 Harris Avenue, proposed a new outdoor summer basketball program for adults.

Directors Report

- Basketball Clinics with Coach Goldstein runs from April 11th through June 6th. There are 30 children registered.
- Baseball/Softball total registration is 138. The breakdown is: Lil Sluggers: 31, Small Fry: 19, Small Girls: 16, Farm League: 14, Junior League: 24, Major League: 34. Photo day is scheduled for May 11th pending BOE approval to use the Mauger Old Gym.
- Buddy Ball Soccer program has 12 participants and was scheduled to start on April 28th but was rained out. They will meet on Thursday's from 6pm-7pm on the multi-purpose field behind the pool.
- Men's Softball will have no league in 2016.
- Yoga new session will run from May 9th until July 11th. There are 10 registered so far.
- Toddler programs spring sessions run through mid-May. There are 45 children registered. The summer Happy Camper Club registration is out and we are offering 5 weeks.

- Movie in the Park movie nights will be held on July 8th and in conjunction with National Night Out on August 2nd.
- PonyShare summer camp week will be held from July 11th to July 14th in Mt. View Park.
- Tennis US Sports Institute will offer a Thursday and/or Sunday tennis program starting mid-April at Mt. View Park. There will also be a four day tennis camp the weeks of July 5th and August 15th.
- US Sports will be running two sessions of multi sports programs for ages 3-5 in Mt. View Park. One session will begin in April and the other in June.
- Summer Playground registration forms were delivered to the schools and are due back on June 1st.
- Track will not have a program this spring.
- Slide at Haverstick Park – steps on the dinosaur slide are damaged from years of wear and tear. The governing body has allocated capital funds to replace slide.

Councilmatic report

1. Councilman Madden also stated that capital funds will be used to replace dinosaur slide at Haverstick Park.
2. Councilman Madden explained there is going to be Middlesex Community Day on July 23rd from 1pm-9pm. The rain date will be July 24th. There will local vendors there too. Recreation Director also added they are receiving quotes for inflatables for the kids' area.
3. Councilman Madden stated that the governing body saw the multi-purpose field and was very impressed.

Trust Account and Account details report

Motion to accept made by Rich Rutkowski pending the auditors' approval and seconded by Cassius Kennick. Roll call was taken with all Commissioners approving.

Commission Committee reports- No reports

Board of Education Report - No representative

Correspondence - None

Volunteer nomination - None

New Business

1. Recreation Commission and Director discussed Mr. Cullinan's proposal for an outdoor basketball program for adults. The Commission stated that due to the lack of help other new proposed programs have been put on hold. Roll was taken and with the vote of 3 yes and 3 no the Chair of the Commission made the decision in favor of no for this new outdoor basketball program for adults due to lack of help in the Recreation Director's office.

2. Recreation Director received an email from the Police Department regarding the Fishing Derby on June 25th. They were seeking permission to fish in the park. Recreation Director explained that it is allowed to fish in the park.
3. Recreation Director asked the Commission if it was okay to give Bev Yoson, Zumba instructor for over 9 years, a key to the outside door. All were in agreement.
4. One hour prior to regular July 11th meeting the policy sub-committee will meet to review the policy as required.

Old Business

1. Still seeking full time help in the Recreation Director's Office. Recreation Director explained that the help doesn't have to be full time but can be part time for 15 hours a week. Councilman Madden will bring the suggestion of part time help up to the council and there should be more information on this by the next meeting.
2. Recreation Commission is still working on ways to resolve issue with closing west side of road in the back of MVP. Recreation Director is going to meet with DPW the week of May 16th as to where to put new signs and paint crosswalk.

Seeing no other old or new business, Commissioner Penrose read a statement advising residents that the approved minutes will be available on the Borough Website within three working days of the meeting and the agenda for the next meeting will be posted on the Recreation Bulletin Board no later than 48 hours prior to the monthly meeting.

At 8:03 p.m., Commissioner Rich Rutkowski made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Bob May.

Next Recreation Commission meeting will be June 13th, 2016, 7:30 pm at the Recreation Center.

Minutes submitted by
Linda Chicarelli, Rec-Commission Secretary